

**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DATE:** March 19, 2002

**PLACE:** 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Deborah Looker, Directors John Britton, Lee Moldaver, Richard Udd and Rich Untermann and General Manager Gary Gleason

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Roberts (Easy Lift), Gregg Hart (City of Santa Barbara) and Jill Yarussi (MTD)

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- 1. Call to Order**  
Chair Looker called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
- 2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors**  
Chair Looker noted that all directors were present.
- 3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda**  
General Manager Gary Gleason reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters one week prior to the meeting and mailed to local media of general circulation.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**  
Director Moldaver moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of February 19, 2002. Director Udd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 5. Cash Report and Payment of Claims**  
Director Britton moved to adopt the cash reports and payment of claims for the periods of February 12, 2002 through February 25, 2002 and February 26, 2002 through March 11, 2002. Director Moldaver seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion to approve the cash reports was passed by a unanimous vote of the board.
- 6. Rejection of Claims**  
Director Untermann moved to reject the claims of Ms. Denise Oetjian, MTD Claim #NI-122801-DO. Director Britton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- 7. Public Comment**  
Tom Roberts, Executive Director of Easy Lift Transportation, congratulated Deborah Looker for her years of service on the MTD board before passing out copies of the Easy Lift Annual Report and commenting on the growth of the organization over the past several years.

Gregg Hart, Councilmember for the City of Santa Barbara, was present to observe and participate.

**8. Resolution 02-4 In the Matter of Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Santa Barbara Association of Governments (SBCAG) for Allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds for Fiscal Year 2002-2003**

Director Britton moved to adopt Resolution 02-4 in the matter of authorizing the filing of a claim with SBCAG for allocation of TDA funds for Fiscal Year 2002-2003. Director Untermann seconded the motion. The General Manager noted that potential application for Section 4.5 funds had also been added to the resolution. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**9. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager reported that he met with representatives from Southern California Edison and Sempra Energy and that the companies are very near to signing an agreement. Mr. Gleason noted that one reimbursable expenses are agreed upon, the timetable for remediation will be pushed back to August.

The General Manager noted that the MTD is currently working on three joint-use projects which combine elements of transit, housing and commercial development. A discussion ensued regarding the projects and Councilmember Hart noted, with respect to the area surrounding the Transit Center, that it is difficult to define today what will be the highest and best use of a piece of property in the future.

Mr. Gleason noted that the MTD will solicit for an assistant general manager and controller and that in the interim, Chuck McQuary will manage adherence to project timelines for MTD staff members.

The General Manager reported that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has mandated that the MTD to go out to bid for paratransit services. Mr. Gleason will meet with Tom Roberts, Executive Director of Easy Lift to discuss this issue in greater detail.

The General Manager distributed copies of the half-year financial report and noted that the board will receive these types of reports on a regular basis. Mr. Gleason noted that MTD added 15,000 new service hours so the costs are increased.

The General Manager stated that MTD is working with the City of Santa Barbara to develop a superticket program. Mr. Gleason stated that the city is required to mitigate traffic to the downtown area as part of the Lot Six decking project. The General Manager also noted that the City has retained Bruce Burnworth of Penfield and Smith to help create this program.

**9. Other Business and Committee Reports**

Director Untermann stated that the facilities committee interviewed two of the three candidates who expressed interest in Calle Real project management and recommends engaging one of the

candidates who works for a firm that is widely recognized as an industry expert. Director Udd noted that the candidates references need to be checked prior to making an offer. Director Untermann stated that this will be done and pending the results, an offer will be made by the facilities committee.

Director Moldaver stated that he attended a conference where the chair of British Petroleum (BP) Oil spoke about BP's interest in new fuels technology and potentially working with Calstart for research and development purposes.

**10. Adjournment**

Director Moldaver moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Udd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.